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FOLLOWING REPEAT CONAKRY 1684 SENT ACTION SECSTATE

INFO MOGADISCIO OUAGADOUGOU, NOVEMBER 11TH:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 1684

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : OTRA (SIAD) CASC SO

SUBJECT : PRESIDENT SIAD PROMISED TO RELEASE DAVID LIGHT

REF: CONAKRY 1680

1. AT VERY BRIEF AIRPORT ENCOUNTER MORNING 11 NOV, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR OUAGADOUGOU, PRESIDENT SIAD TOLD ME THAT BASED ON MY PRESENTATION AND REQUEST "THE MAN WILL BE RELEASED". I THANKED PRESIDENT SIAD ON BEHALF OF USG.

2. WHEN PRESIDENT SIAD FAILED GET IN TOUCH WITH ME IN EVENING 10 NOV AS PROMISED, I WENT AGAIN TO PEOPLES PALACE WHERE HE STAYED AND, THROUGH GUINEANS, GOT WORD TO HIM THAT I HAD COME FOR PROMISED REPLY. HE SENT WORD THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE ME AT AIRPORT AT 7:30 A.M. ON HIS ARRIVAL AT ABOUT 0800 WHILE HE WAS WALKING TO DISTINGUISHED VISITORS' LOUNGE, HE RECOGNIZED ME, STOPPED, AND MADE REMARKS INDICATED ABOVE. THERE WERE NO FURTHER EXCHANGES, AND I SAW NO NEED FOR DISCUSSION SINCE MAIN PURPOSE WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

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3. A FEW MINUTES LATER, JUST BEFORE PLANE TOOK OFF, SOMALI
OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT THROUGH RECEIVING LINE
(PROBABLY PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR OR FONMIN) ASKED IF I HAD
HEARD FROM PRESIDENT SIAD THAT LIGHT WOULD BE RELEASED AND I
CONFIRMED THAT I HAD. IT IS CLEAR, THEREFORE, THAT PRESIDENT
HAD GIVEN ME A CONSIDERED REPLY.
TODMAN

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